

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed on February 12, 2007.

Claims 1, 3-5, 8-9, 11, 16, 18-23, and 25-30 are amended; as a result, claims 1-30 are now pending in this application. Example support for the amendments may be found in the original filed specification on page 7 second full and complete paragraph.

Drawing Objections

The drawings were objected to because on page 15, line 17-26, “external client 420” does not match with Figure 4. The original filed specification included a typographical error in that external client 410 was mislabeled as external client 420. This prompted the Examiner to object to the drawings since no external client 420 was present in FIG. 4. Applicants have corrected this oversight by amending the specification in the proper locations to refer to external client 410, which is labeled in the original filed figures. Thus, this objection is now a moot point and should be withdrawn and there was no amendment necessary to the original filed drawings.

Claim Objections

Claims 4 and 5 were objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for “the external client to activate one or more external reference links from a World-Wide Web (WWW) browser page”. Applicants believe that this objection was raised because of the ambiguity associated with the “external client” reference being mislabeled as 420 instead of 410. This has been corrected, thus this objection is no longer appropriate and should be withdrawn.

Additionally, Applicants note that the specification is riddled with references to the WWW and WWW browser page and even if this were not the case, the original filed claims provide support independent of the specification. Thus, Applicants is not exactly sure what this objection is meant to cover and as such if Applicants have not addressed it properly then Applicants respectfully request further clarification, such that it can be corrected to the satisfaction of the Examiner on the next action. Moreover, since the objection is unclear to the Applicants, the Applicants respectfully request that any subsequent action be non final if this is carried forward by the Examiner. Again, Applicants believe that the Examiner levied this

objection due to the ambiguity associated with the external client reference in the figures and specification and since that is corrected Applicants believe that this is also corrected.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-2, 4-8, 11, 13, 16-17 and 22-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) for anticipation by Subramaniam et al. (U.S. 6,081,900). To sustain an anticipation rejection, each and every step or element in the rejected claims must be taught or suggested in the cited reference.

More specifically, a claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently in a single reference. *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631,2 USPQ 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). Additionally, “[t]he identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as contained in the . . . claim.”

Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co., 868 F.2d 1226, 1236, 9 USPQ 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989).

The elements must be arranged as required by the claims.

Applicants would like to respectfully reiterate that anticipation is only proper if “[t]he identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as contained in the . . . claim.”

Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co., 868 F.2d 1226, 1236, 9 USPQ 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989).

The independent claims have been amended to remove the “potentially” language, such that the transactions in questions are in fact insecure. Additionally, the information associated with insecure transactions are not “pre-acquired” before being made available to the external client. These aspects are not referenced or taught in the cited reference. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections of record be withdrawn and the claims allowed.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 3, 9-10, 12, 14-15, 18-21 and 27-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Subramaniam et al. in view of Netscape (“Netscape Proxy Server Administrator’s Guide Version 3.5 for Unix”, 1997). Claim 3 is dependent from amended independent claim 1; claims 9-10, 12, and 14-15 are dependent from amended independent claim 8; claims 18-21 are dependent from amended independent claim 16; and claims 27-30 are dependent from amended independent claim 22; thus, for the amendments and remarks presented

above with respect to the amended independent claims, these rejected claims should now be allowed. Applicants respectfully request an indication of the same.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney at (513) 942-0224 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

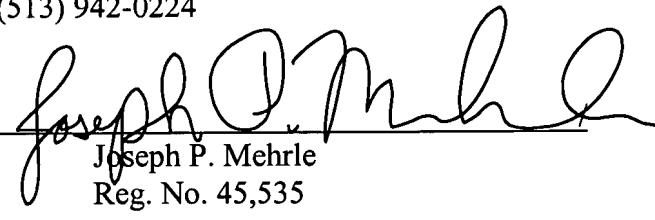
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